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- 1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR FROM SENIOR PARTNER OF LEADING MEXICAN LAW FIRM HANDLING MANY POSSIBLE AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN MEXICO.
- 2. FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMMISSION HAS RECENTLY RULED ON NINE PENDING APPLICATIONS AND HAS APPROVED SIX WHILE REJECTING THREE. ALL BUT ONE OF THESE APPLICATIONS INVOLVED EXTENSION OF EXISITNG INVESTMENTS HERE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. THE SIX APPLICATIONS ACTED ON FAVORABLY DID NOT INVOLVE ANY DISPLACEMENT OF MEXICAN ENTREPRENEURS. ONE APPLICATION INVOLVED A NEW AND RELATIVLEY SMALL INVESTMENT.
- 4. ONE OF THE REJECTED APPLICATIONS INVOLVED AN EXTENSION OF A CHAIN TYPE OPERATION IN THE FOOD SECTOR IN COMPETITION WITH RESTAURANTS, AND THE OTHER TWO WERE REJECTED BECAUSE OF CROWDED CONDITIONS IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE TWO APPLICANTS DESIRED TO EXPAND.
- 5. THE REGULATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED ALTHOUGH A DRAFT WAS CIRCULATED LATE LAST MONTH TO INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS FOR COMMENT. ABOVE SOURCE COMMENTED THAT DRAFT CIRCULATED WAS VERY INVOLVED AND THAT REGULATIONS FOR REGISTRY ARE "NOT NEAR COMPLETION" FOR PUBLICATION.

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